

REMARKS

Applicants disagree with the Examiner's interpretation of the prior art, as well as the combination thereof. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In order to expedite allowance of a patent, Applicants have cancelled the subject matter rejected by the Examiner and rewritten in independent form, each of the claims to which the Examiner had objected. Applicant will pursue protection of the cancelled subject matter in a continuation application. Accordingly, the claims as pending are in condition for allowance.

To address the rejections made by the Examiner, Applicants make reference to and maintain the arguments made in the prior response regarding the teachings of Torimitsu in view of MacArthur et al., as well as the combination of these references, and further in combination with Jones.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the

Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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